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Facilities for Press Representatives.

No G 20181-240, d 10th March 19.
Sl. 6. Passes orders regarding the various requests made by the Press Representatives.

Sl. 7. Copies of the above order forwarded to Messrs. B.S. Sanjivarao & E.C. Pillai

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Office of the Private Secretary to
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Camp, Calcutta *Dated* 24th January *191*9

Petition dated the 13th January 1919 from Mr. Chinnasamy Pillay, Advertising Agent to the Daily Post, Bangalore, is forwarded, with compliments, to the Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore, for favour of opinion,(excluding paras 15 to 19).

By Order

Private Secretary.

E. CHINNASWAMI PILLAI,
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,
ADVERTISING AGENT,
"DAILY POST."

2, SANJEEVAPPA STREET,
BANGALORE CITY, 16 Jany 1919.

To

The Private Secretary
to His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore.

Dear Sir,

Since acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated 9th December 1918, I have received direct from Mr. V.S. Sanjeeva Rau, Representative of the "New India" a copy of the representations made on behalf of the Press Representatives in the State. After due consultation with the signatories to our memorial of the 28th, October 1918, representing the "Madras Mail," the "Hindu" the "Justice" and the "Vokkaligher Patrika", I am forwarding herewith for favour of kind submission to His Highness the Maharajah such of the representations as have been approved of by us and trust that His Highness' Government may now take up the matter sympathetically and dispose of the same at an early date.

The selected Representations are produced verbatim and the numbers borne out by them are the same as those of the original copy referred above.

Yours truly,
E Chinnaswami Pillai

Specific requests on behalf of Press Representatives in Mysore.

Elementary courtesies may kindly be shown to the Press Representatives by Government officers and organisers of Government functions, such as, University Convocation, Dasara Exhibition, Legislative Council meeting, Representative Assembly, etc.

2. Seats may kindly be provided near the platform, at the Speaker's table- near as far as possible, not neccessarily on the dais or platform.

3. Speeches may kindly be given in advance before post time to Press Representatives of standing and who furnish the credentials, as is being done by Governors, Viceroys and Presidents of Congresses, etc.

4. Such speeches or summaries there-of which need exphasis may be marked, but need not be telegraphed directly to editors by Government officials or Secretaries.

5. The position of the Editor of the Mysore Economic Journal be kindly defined, so far as it regards the reporting of the proceedings of the Representative Assembly and not of the Economic Conference.

6. His relationship with regard to the Representative Assembly and his acting as Assistant to outside reporters should be definitely stated.

7. Local representatives should be given preference to outside reporters who are ignorant of local vernaculars and therefore need coaching and even actual writing up of entire reports.

8. Secretaries to Government should not act as Press reporters and reports of proceedings at any rate of the Representative Assembly should not be sent direct to the Editors by the official agencies.

10. Press Representatives when recommended by their respective editors may kindly be provided with free passes to travel over railways to report functions of public interest.

11. The authority to decide the interest or importance of

functions may be allowed to rest with editors and not with Agents of Railways.

13. This prayer is being repeated for over 6 years and deserves in my humble opinion an early decision.

14. Long standing and customary privileges should not be withheld.

15. Press Reporting is an art and deserves encouragement at the hands of Government, and, as such, Press Representatives may kindly be given lodgings at Mysore during the birthday festivities of His Highness the Maharaja and H.H. the Yuvaraja and also during the sittings of the Representative Assembly.

16. Press Representatives may, if they so desire, be kindly given better reasonable facilities of boarding.

"17. Press Representatives may kindly be given permission to attend Dasara Durbars and Birthday Durbars at the Palace, provided they conform to customary etiquette.

18. Press Representatives may kindly be given seats in special trains or any other trains during the Royal tour of His Highness the Maharaja and His Highness the Yuvaraja and facilities be kindly given for reporting their Highnesses' movements in and out of Mysore.

19. Tour programme of Their Highnesses, of the Dewan and Members of Government may be furnished to the Press in advance to enable them to set ready for the occasion.

21. The Bangalore Correspondent of the A.P.I. sent the speech of the President of the Exhibition Committee, to one Madras paper which used it on 12-10-1918 and thus the speech became stale to other papers which could not use it till the 15-10-1918, Sunday being 13th and 14th being a holiday for Madras Papers. Such irregularities on important occasions by a Respectable agency should be allowed not to recur.

The function itself at Mysore took place at 4 P.M. on 14th October 1918 and a release telegram even if sent by express runner reaches Madras at that hour.

22. The Press Room at Bangalore should be made more inviting At present important papers never reach the Press table and even if sent are placed very late. Proceedings of Government immediately on passing may kindly be placed on the table.

23. Other facilities which the Government deem fit to sho may kindly be accorded.

Sd. V.S. Sanjiva Rao

Chairman of the Press Representatives Meeting, Mysore.

Bangalore,
December 1918.

19/12/18

Submitted to His Highness.

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With reference to the Private Secretary's Memorandum No.3200/2 dated 20th January 1919, I beg to submit my views on the various requests made by the press representatives in Mysore. The principal points of their representation are two, viz.,

(1) that reports of public events should not be sent direct by official agencies to the editors of newspapers, but handed over to the press representatives, and

(2) that the 'facilities' hitherto enjoyed by them should be restored.

2. As regards the first contention, it seems to me that there is no harm in handing copies of official papers meant for publication, to the press representatives, provided they hold proper credentials. But it is necessary to consult the editors of newspapers and ascertain whether this procedure will meet their requirements. It is quite possible that they would prefer to receive official reports, &c., direct from Government instead of through the hands of 'representatives' whose connection with the - - papers appears, in some cases, to be of casual - - nature.

3. As regards the second point, viz., the continuance of the 'facilities', His Highness has more than once intimated his wish to see them abolished (vide

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(vide Huzur Secretary, Mr. P.Raghavendra Rao's Note dated 29th June 1912 and Mr. Mirza's D.O. letter No.352 dated 15th June 1918). Orders having been passed on this subject so recently as June last, it does not seem advisable now to re-open the question. Personally I am totally opposed to the principle of the so-called 'facilities'..

4. With these remarks, the requests of the press representatives may be dealt with seriatim as follows:-

Requests.	Remarks.
(1) Elementary courtesies may be shown to press representatives by Government officers and organizers of Government functions.	This is vague and calls for no remark.
(2) Seats may be provided very near the platform for press representatives.	This is done as far as possible.
(3) Advance copies of speeches may be furnished to accredited representatives.	This may be done if the representatives apply in time and if, as stated in para 2, the Editors are agreeable to this procedure
(4) Summaries of such speeches may be furnished or important portions marked.	This will involve much trouble which can be undertaken only in exceptional cases. It is the duty of press reporters to make summaries. Government cannot employ special agencies for the purpose.

(5) The position of the Editor of the Mysore Economic Journal may be defined as regards the reporting of the Proceedings of the Representative Assembly.	The Editor of the Mysore Economic Journal was asked last year to arrange for the reports of the Proceedings being accurately prepared under his supervision. The reports were primarily meant for official record and not for communication to the pres
(6) His relationship to outside reporters will be definitely stated.	The Editor of the Mysore Economic Journal has nothing to do with the outside reporters.
(7) Local representatives should be given preference to Madras reporters.	This is a matter for the Editors of the respective newspapers and not for Government to decide.
(8) Reports of Proceedings of the Representative Assembly should not be sent direct to the Editors of news-papers.	This has already been discussed in paragraph 2 supra.
(10,11 & 13) Free passes may be given to press representatives to travel over railways to report functions of public interest.	This is a question for the Railway Administrations concerned. On State Railways, passes are issued to newspaper correspondents on important occasions.
(14) Long-standing and customary privileges should not be with-held.	This refers to the payments which used to be made to the representatives of newspapers for boarding, lodging,&c

	lodging, etc., during the -- Birthday and Dasara Festivities, and is discussed in -- paragraph (3) above.
(15 to 19.).	Opinion is not asked for.
(21) The speech of the President of the Exhibition Committee was given to the -- Bangalore correspondent of the Associated Press, before it was sent to -- other papers.	This relates to an incident within my personal knowledge. Much was made of a small matter, -- owing to the jealousy of press correspondents. The Associated Press representative was given 5 or 6 copies in advance to -- distribute. If he did not do his duty, it is for his principals to take notice of his conduct.
(22) The Press Room at Bangalore should be improved.	Some attempts have been made in this direction recently, as will be seen from Official -- Memorandum No.G.11397/G.M.113-18-1 dated 13th December 1918, of which a copy is herewith put up. I propose to inspect the Press Room and see if any further improvements are necessary Further, I am insisting on all papers for the Press Room being placed on the table without delay. It is true that there has been delay in the past.

Conclusion.- If the above views are generally agreed to, a reply will be sent accordingly and published also for the information of the Press generally.

7.2.19.

STATEMENT OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR THE ORDERS OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA DURING THE TOUR OUTSIDE THE STATE IN.....February 1919.....~~xxx~~.

Serial No.	Subject	Recommendation of Council, or Member of Government in charge, as the case may be	Dewan's recommendation	Orders of His Highness	Orders regarding submission of files (*vide* foot-note)
39.	Requests of the press representatives in Mysore regarding certain facilities required by them.		If the views expressed in the Submission Note are generally agreed to, a reply will be sent accordingly and published also for the information of the Press.	855 approved by his highness Reference C ~~Private Secretary~~ Coorg Ashes 15-2-19. 7.2.19 Chief secy. a draft w. may be submitted 19.2 T.S. 19/2/19 P.M. 19/2/19 Rep. Rec 9/2	

NOTE.—The letter a, b or c may kindly be inserted by the Private Secretary to His Highness in the last column to indicate whether—

File may be submitted at once ... ... a
File may be submitted after His Highness' return ... ... b
File may not be submitted at all c

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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4 : A draft Govt. Order regarding the facilities to be shewn to the Press Representatives generally, and a draft reply to Messrs V. S. Sanjeeva Rao and E. C. Pillay who have made some specific requests on behalf of Press Correspondents are put up for approval :

1 Regr)

Chief Secretary)

Dewan)

25.2.19

CSR 25.2.19

Draft may be approved.

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4-2-19.

CSR 5/3/19

I shall inspect the Press room today at 4 P.M. & submit the draft after seeing the same

CSR

5/3/19

Regr. 5/3/19

Dy Regr.)

The Press Room was inspected by the Dewan at 4 P.M. today. The file is resubmitted.

CSR 5.3.19.

Chief Secretary)

Dewan)

CSR 5/3/19

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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	absent is slightly unsatisfactory. The mistake is small such lady may be warned not to commit 3 weeks. -
	Issue Sd. xx.
	Regr will please take early steps to shift the Press Room to the Room near the Police recently vacated by Regr Asst Office & to provide a sloping desk attached to the wall in placing for notes &c & for properly furnishing the room as directed by the Dewan during his inspection.
6.	G.O. No. 2018-260. dy 10-3-19, passing an order on the various Requests made by the press representatives.
7.	Do. to Heads of Depts & Dts of Districts. Press Letter Do. to Mr. V.S. Sanjiva Rao & Mr. E.C. Pillay Press Correspondents G 2031/7-18 dy 11-3-19 forwarding Copy of the above order for information —
	This may be recorded

action has been taken separately Cash file 110-18

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Proceedings of the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

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G.M. 122-18-6.

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R e a d:--

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Order No. G 20181-240

Dated Bangalore, 10. 3. February 1919.

After a careful consideration of the various requests made by the Press Representatives, Government are pleased to pass the following orders:--

(1) ~~That~~ All official papers meant for publication including the reports of public events and advance - - - copies of speeches made by the Members of Government during Dasara and other

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important occasions will be furnished to such of the accredited Press Representatives as are able to produce, in good time, a requisition from their respective Editors that this procedure will meet their requirements. In other cases, the present practice of communicating the reports direct to the Editors will continue. Government do not consider it expedient or necessary to employ any special ~~officers~~ agency for summarising speeches for the use of the Press Correspondents, as such work should be attended to by the reporters themselves.

(2) ~~The~~ As far as possible suitable seating accommodation will be provided for Press Correspondents ~~will be suitably accommodated~~ at ~~all~~ public functions ~~as far as possible~~.

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(6) The improvement of the Press Room, attached to the G.P.O. Scott Bungalow, is engaging the attention of Government and instructions have also been issued to all the Secretaries to Government to place papers of public interest on the Press Table without delay.

7. Admission to the Press Room will as heretofore be by ~~cards~~ passes issued by the Chief Secretary to Government to the accredited representatives of newspapers of recognised standing on receipt of applications from the Editors concerned. These ~~cards~~ passes will be tenable for one calendar year and applications for their renewal should be made one month before the close of that year.

8. A set of subsidiary instructions for the working of the Press Room is also under consideration and will be put up in the Press Room in due course.

Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretaries to Government.
Heads of Depts.
Press Table. Dy. Comrs. of Districts.

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The various requests of the Press Representatives.

No. G. 20181-240—G. M. 122-18-6, DATED 10TH MARCH 1919.

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C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secy. to Govt.

To—The Secretaries to Government.
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The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
PRESS TABLE.

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Government of His Hig[illegible]e Maharaja of My[illegible]

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The various requests of the Press Representatives.

Passes orders on ——.

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C. S. BALASUNDARAM IYER,
Chief Secy. to Govt.

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The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
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Exd.—C. R.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

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Passes orders on ——.

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To

Mr.V.S.Sanjiva Rao,

Mr.E.Chinnaswami Pillay.

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G.O.M.122-18-7.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 5-12-1918 submitting for the orders of 13-1-1919 Government, a list of specific requests on behalf of the Press Representatives, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of Government Order No..... G.O.M.122-18-7 dated..... ~~just issued on the subject~~ for information.

By 4.3.19.

I have etc.,

C&R 7/3/19

Chief Secretary to Government.

HRR. C&R 25.2.19